



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: National Broadband Map - Mississippi

Dear Secretary Dortch:

As Members of the United States Congress representing Mississippi, we are concerned about the availability of broadband within our state. The majority of the state of Mississippi is comprised of rural areas, where receiving broadband service is a challenge. We have worked with the Mississippi Public Service Commission and the Governor's Office, and we wish to express our concern for the misrepresentation of broadband availability in Mississippi as depicted in the National Broadband Map.

As you are well aware, it is important that each state has a correct needs assessment and availability guidelines. We urge the FCC to make corrections to the National Broadband Map that will accurately reflect broadband availability in Mississippi, where there remains a great need for broadband expansion.

As requested by the FCC, this letter serves as a Reply Comment of the State Broadband Initiative grantees.

Sincerely,

Senator Thad Cochran

Representative Bennie G. Thompson

Representative Alan Nunnelee

Senator Roger F. Wicker

Representative Gregg Harper

Representative Steven M. Palazzo